

Southeast PTO Minutes

February 1, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Attending: Julie Brown, Kimberly Clark, Andrea Lennon, Jennie Novick, Mike Kelly, Suzanne Kelly, Jessica Higham, Norma Fisher-Doiron, Karen Summer, Jana MacDonald, Monique Brown, Celine Demers Scheffer, Michele Boskovic

Principals Report:

Upcoming calendar of events includes the Science Sampler which will last for five weeks and begins after February vacation;

2/26 – Connecticut Mastery practice test

3/1 – 3/5 and 3/8 – 3/12 – Connecticut Mastery Testing for grades 3 and 4

3/18 – Connecticut Rhymes celebration (grades 2 and 4)

3/19 – Running club for grades 3 and 4 begins

There was no Parents Hour for February and as of yet Joanne Frieberg has not been reached for the next Parents Hour. Andrea Lennon will try to schedule Tricia Baker, RadKIDS, for March Parent's Hour.

There will be Board of Education meeting at Southeast School on February 11 and a presentation on the Four Schools Building Project.

This year the budget is \$20,588,160 - \$7,000 below last year's budget. Recommended cuts include: leaving the assistant superintendent position vacant, one position cut at Southeast, K – 4 art reduction (Mr. Dieter is retiring), restructuring Nancy Armstrong's position after she retires, cutting 3 instructional assistants at the middle school, reduction in custodial staff, cutting one bus at Southeast, cutting technology replacement, and cutting back on education supplies.

Projected classroom sizes for the 2010/2011 academic school year are: K – 35(2 classrooms); 1st – 31(2 classrooms), 2nd -44 (3 classrooms); 3rd – 43 (3 classrooms) and 4th -50 (3 classrooms).

President's report:

The Science Sampler will increase to five sessions and the charge will increase to \$32 from \$28.

Composite pictures can be anticipated in 3 weeks. On 2/26 there will be an idling assembly hosted by the Green Thumbs Club followed by a bumper sticker contest. A silent auction meeting will be held the third week in February to discuss the auction which will be in October. The PTO will begin work on the silent auction in March or April. May 22 is the tentative dates for the tag sale.

The Big Y Points program cycle has been extended to June.

Vice President's Report:

Family Movie Night is scheduled for 2/26. Tressle Tree will be cleared out by then and the PTO will charge for popcorn, juice and water. The PTO will be collecting donations for the Covenant Soup Kitchen.

The school dance is scheduled for 4/30 (Friday of T.V. turnoff week) from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. The theme this year is "Under the Sea." Sue Harrington may do an assembly that week with an oceanography theme. The D.J. will cost \$350. The PTO will be collecting donations for the Covenant Soup Kitchen.

The PTO decided that Family Skate Night will be 3/21. The Teacher Appreciation Lunch will be 5/5, along with Special Person's Day.

Fall bulbs, butterbraids cookie dough and Munson's Chocolates catalogs will all be coming out soon.

For anyone who is submitting a Facilities Request Form, there is a new form that needs to be attached. A "Proper Use Procedures" form must be completed and signed agreeing to be responsible for the room and cleaning up after the event.

Secretary's Report:

The January minutes are pending.

Treasurer's Report:

Checks from 2008 are still clearing. Box tops earned a little more than \$500, \$254 of which belongs to Southeast. The silent auction money has been deposited along with \$279 for make-up photos.

Motion to accept treasure's report: Suzanne Kelly.

Seconded: Andrea Lennon.

New Items:

March is going to be nutrition month. Mrs. Fisher-Doiron motioned to approve \$800 for healthy snacks; seconded by Jessica Higham.

Joanne Carr has requested funds to send first and second graders to Bushnell for performance of The Firebird. The total cost for the venture will be \$1100. The PTO voted to charge \$7.50 per person and PTO will cover the \$400 expense for two busses.

Kimberly Clark motioned to make healthy snacks a line item in the budget; motion seconded by Mike Kelly.

Motion to adjourn: Jennie Novick.

Seconded: Andrea Lennon

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Novick

Next meeting March 1, 2010